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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT – CITY OF INDUSTRY**

On Wednesday, July 17, 2002, at approximately 11:02 a.m., Fire Department personnel responded to a hazardous materials incident at Azusa Avenue and the eastbound 60 Freeway in the City of Industry. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel found a semi-truck carrying various hazardous materials partially overturned on the Azusa on-ramp of the eastbound 60 Freeway.

Fire Department personnel immediately initiated a multi-company hazardous materials incident response. It was determined that the overturned trailer contained a variety of volatile chemicals that were highly flammable. Therefore, security personnel from the Puente Hills Mall were directed to evacuate two buildings and six employees of the Outback Steak House and four construction workers at the old "Firestone" building. Puente Hills Mall security personnel also provided access perimeter control to the northwest section of the mall.

Our Hazardous Materials personnel later determined that all containers were intact, and there was not a hazardous release. There were no injuries to the driver of the truck nor to Fire Department or other personnel from other agencies on scene. The California Highway Patrol and Cal Trans shut down both sides of the 60 Freeway from 11:15 a.m. until 2 p.m. The westbound 60 Freeway and two lanes of the eastbound 60 Freeway were reopened at 2 p.m. At 3:30 p.m., the entire 60 Freeway was open with the exception of the Azusa Avenue on-ramp and off-ramp.

If you have any questions, please call me.

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